

REMARKS

Copies of the foreign patent documents mentioned in the information disclosure statement that was filed on June 24, 2003 are submitted herewith. In asserting that copies of the documents cited in the International Search Report had been received by the Patent and Trademark Office, applicant relied on the statement in the 371 Formalities Letter mailed June 7, 2002 that copies of references cited in the International Search Report had been submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office as an elected office. Evidently, this was not the case and copies of the documents are submitted herewith.

A copy of the Brauer document mentioned at page 1, lines 24-26 of the specification is submitted herewith for the examiner's reference. This document has not been cited on an information disclosure statement because applicant does not believe that it is sufficiently pertinent to the claimed invention.

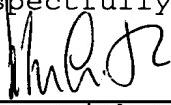
The spelling of BAHCO at page 1, line 14, has been corrected. The term is accompanied by the appropriate generic terminology, i.e. cascade scrubber.

It is proposed that FIG. 1 of the drawings should be amended in the manner indicated red in the accompanying copy thereof by addition of the legend "PRIOR ART." If the examiner approves of the proposed amendment, it will be incorporated in formal drawings which will be filed when the application has been allowed.

The claims have been amended in light of the examiner's comments in points 7 and 8 on page 4 of the Office Action.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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